



OPA's 6th Annual Great Paint Out 2010

LOCATION St. Marks, Florida	DATE November 20, 2010	HOST/HOESSTESS Natalia Andreeva
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Description of Location

This is a unique area of Florida's Gulf Coast located about 25 miles from Florida's Capital Tallahassee. The refuge area includes gorgeous coastal marshes, which have everything from upland areas to forested swamps. The refuge is home to a diverse community of plant and animal life. Palm trees, staling in water cypress trees, over 250 species of birds, all kinds of animals from alligators to butterflies are all common to the refuge's scenery.



Further information about the park you can find at the following web page
<http://www.fws.gov/saintmarks>.

For up-to-date information see web page at:
<http://www.andreeva.com/paintout>

Directions

St. Marks National Wild Life Refuge is a large park; we will paint in the actual main St. Marks Unit, which is accessible via CR59 road. Take costal highway 98 and near Newport east of the river take CR59 (it goes south). The road ends at the Historical St. Marks Lighthouse.

Special Instructions

Bring water, sunscreen, hat, and insect repellent. You should bring your own drinks and snack. Some snack items may be purchased at the welcome center although the selection is extremely limited.

Late fall through early spring the weather is usually nice and cool; some afternoon showers are possible. For more event information and updates see: at: www.andreeva.com.

There an admission fee of \$5 per car (subject to change).

The area is quite safe but still please review some important information provided by the refuge staff and on the web pages listed above. Note that in most areas there is no cell phone reception.

Additional Information

Meeting Place

We will meet at the St. Marks Lighthouse at 9am. The restrooms are located along the main road (CR 59) near Mounds trail and picnic areas. They are well marked. For details please see map at <http://www.fws.gov/saintmarks/images/StMarks-unit-road-numbers.pdf>.

Painting Suggestions:

Palm Orchard Pond Trail – this is a nice lake and a few trails behind the visitor’s center and the trail around it.

Mounds Trail – the area around it has a number of nice water pools and lots of birds. There is a rest stop along the trail overlooking the lake below. During most days you can spot a few alligators.

Lighthouse & Lighthouse Pool Trail – this trail offers a passage through palms to the shore; there are some large cacti along the route.

CR59 Paved Road – there are numerous areas along the CR59 paved road where you can park and enjoy the gorgeous scenery. Be sure to drive slowly.

Accommodations:

Tallahassee area offers many accommodation choices; hotels, motels, and camping options are also available in the Wakulla county which is situated in the direct vicinity.

See the following link for list of options:

<http://www.fws.gov/saintmarks/media/Pdf/accommodations.pdf>.

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